

RFP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOLOGY SERVICES FOR ROAD PAVING PROJECTS

Request for Proposal No. DPW12-18

Geotechnical and Geology Services for Road Paving Projects

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The County of San Bernardino, Department of Public Works Transportation Planning Division hereafter referred to as the "County" or "Department", is seeking proposals from interested and qualified Proposers to be chosen to enter contracts with the County and be on a rotational list that will provide Geotechnical and Geology Services for Road Paving Projects.

B. Term of Agreement

Specific services to be provided under this Request for Proposals (RFP) are outlined under Section IV, Scope of Work. The Agreement period will be for three (3) years.

C. Minimum Proposer Requirements

All Proposers must:

- Have no record of unsatisfactory performance. Proposers who are or have been seriously deficient in current or recent Agreement performance, in the absence of circumstances properly beyond the control of the Proposer, shall be presumed to be unable to meet this requirement.
- 2. Be independent companies with no ties to any companies listed in the "Scope of Work" section of this document (Section IV).
- 3. Have the ability to maintain adequate files and records and meet statistical reporting requirements.
- 4. Have the administrative and fiscal capability to provide and manage the proposed services and to ensure an adequate audit trail.
- 5. Have a minimum of three (3) continuous years of experience providing this type of service.
- 6. Provide references of a minimum of three (3) other customers, one (1) of which should be a government agency, involving the Proposer's delivery of services that demonstrate the ability of the Proposer to provide Geotechnical And Geology services as outlined in this RFP. All references must have names, titles and phone numbers.
- 7. Meet other presentation and participation requirements listed in this RFP.

D. Reserved

E. Questions

Questions regarding the contents of this RFP must be submitted in writing on or **before** 3:00 PM May 30, 2012 and directed to the individual listed in Section I, Paragraph F. All questions will be answered and both the question and answer will be posted on the County's Web-Site.

F. Correspondence

All correspondence, including proposals and questions, are to be submitted to:

County of San Bernardino
Department of Public Works
Transportation Planning Division
Attn: Medhat Matta P.E.
825 East 3rd Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415
(909) 387-8054 Phone
(909) 387-8072 Fax
mmatta@dpw.sbcounty.gov Email

Fax number and e-mail address may be used to submit questions only. **Proposals will not be accepted by email or facsimile.**

G. Admonition to Proposers

Once this RFP has been issued, the individual identified above is the sole contact point for any inquiries or information relating to this RFP. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disqualification of the Proposer. All questions regarding this RFP can be presented in writing as indicated in Section I, Paragraph E.

H. Proposal Submission Deadline

All proposals must be received at the address listed in Section I, Paragraph F – Correspondence, no later than 3:00 PM June 29, 2012. For the purposes of this proposal, the time specified will be as defined by the official time clock located at the address listed in Section I, Paragraph F – Correspondence. Facsimile or electronically transmitted proposals will not be accepted in lieu of actual receipt. Late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

II. PROPOSAL TIMELINE

Release of RFP	May 15, 2012
Deadline for Submission of Questions	3:00 PM May 30, 2012
Deadline for Posting Questions and Answers	3.00 PM June 15, 2012
Deadline for Proposals	3:00 PM June 29, 2012
Tentative Date for Awarding Agreement	August 03, 2012

III. PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

A. Contingencies

This RFP does not commit the County of San Bernardino to award an Agreement. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals if the County determines it is in the best interest of the County to do so. The County will notify all Proposers in writing, if the County rejects all proposals. The County also reserves the right to terminate this RFP process at any time.

B. Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

Proposals shall remain open, valid and subject to acceptance anytime within one hundred eighty (180) days after the proposal opening and up to the end of the Agreement period. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

C. Evaluation Process

Proposals will be evaluated in compliance with the procedure described in Section VII of this RFP.

D. Modifications

The County reserves the right to issue an addenda or amendments to this RFP if the County considers that additional clarifications are needed.

E. Proposal Submission

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in the manner set forth in this RFP. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that its proposal arrives on or before the specified time.

F. Incurred Costs

The County is not obligated to pay any costs incurred by Proposers in the preparation of a proposal in response to this RFP. Proposers agree that all costs incurred in developing this proposal are the Proposer's responsibility.

G. Negotiations

The County may require the potential Proposer(s) selected to participate in negotiations. This may include cost, technical, or other clarifications needed to make a decision.

H. Formal Agreement

Proposer will be required to enter into a formal Agreement with the County. This RFP sets forth some of the general provisions which will be included in the final Agreement. In submitting a response to this RFP, Proposer will be deemed to have agreed to each clause unless the proposal identifies an objection and County agrees to a change of language in writing. All objections to any provisions of the final Agreement should be listed on Attachment C – Exceptions to RFP.

I. Use of Proposals Received

All proposals received shall become the property of the County.

J. Final Authority

The final authority to award Agreements as a result of this RFP rests solely with the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors (Board). In certain situations, the Board may authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and/or the Purchasing Agent to award Agreements.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Background

Quality control investigative services for County projects and typical geotechnical services for road paving projects requested under this RFP for projects such as:

- 1. Pavement reconstruction
- 2. Maintenance resurfacing
- 3. Pave dirt road
- 4. Geology investigation for road stability
- 5. Ground penetrating radar surveys with reports for depth analysis of existing sub-grade layers, pavement layers, and utilities.
- 6. The following is a list of tests that may be requested. Unit prices should be included in the consultants cost proposal.

Test	Title of Test Method	СТ
#		#
1.	Sieve Analysis – Fine Aggregates	202
2.	Sieve Analysis - Coarse Aggregates	202
3.	Mechanical Analysis (Hydrometer)	203
4.	Atterberg Limits (Plasticity Index of Soils)	204
5.	Specific Gravity of Coarse Aggregate	206
6.	Specific Gravity of Fine Aggregate	207
7.	Sand Equivalent	217
8.	R value	301
9.	Preparation of Bituminous Mixture for Testing	304
10.	Bulk Specific Gravity And Density Of	308
	Bituminous Mixtures	
11.	Theoretical Mass Density of Asphalt	309
12.	Stabilometer Value	366
13.	Extraction Test (Asphalt)	382
14.	Gradation (Asphalt)	202
15.	Hydrogen-ion Concentration (pH)	643
16	Relative Compaction	216

All tests shall be done in accordance with Caltrans test procedures in a Caltrans certified laboratory.

7. Obtaining core data and soil samples:

- a. All coring shall be within the traveled ways of the road unless the project requires cores on the paved shoulders. All soil samples shall consist of only native material and not include base. If base is discovered then the thickness of the base shall be measured and reported with the coring and soil report. Coring the asphalt concrete and soil sampling shall be taken at a rate of one core/sample every 500 LF for roads that are 3000 LF or less. And every 1000 LF for roads that are more than 3000 LF (unless if the soil characteristics are inconsistent, then one core/sample shall be taken every 500 LF). Soil samples shall be obtained from the core location underneath the pavement unless the subject project scope is road widening construction that is located outside the edge of pavement. Core thickness and all individual AC inner layers shall be measured and reported in tenths of a foot. Photos of each individual core with an adjacent graduated measuring device shall be taken and submitted to the County, via digital JPEG format. The photos shall be identified by their corresponding station number and submitted to the County with the coring and soils report.
- b. Run Sieve Analysis and Sand Equivalent on all soil samples. The County will receive the SA & SE results and then the County will choose which samples will require an R-Value test.
- c. Provide a spreadsheet showing the coring and soil results for all sampled stations plus pavement recommendations for the project as well (See attachment K).
- d. All coring, sampling, soils testing, reports, traffic control, labor, Underground Service Alert and all other work that may be deemed necessary shall be considered in a unit cost per core location. All travel charges that incur shall be a separate unit cost on a per mile basis.
- 8. All required reports shall be provided by California licensed Geotechnical/Civil registered engineer

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V. AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

It is the County's intent that the contractual relationship between the Proposer and the County shall be substantially as set forth in the attached sample Agreement (Attachment J). In developing the proposal, the Proposer should carefully review the sample Agreement and the contractual requirements listed in Section V and take into consideration the rights, obligations, and costs associated therewith. Any change in the sample Agreement or the contractual requirements in Section V, which the Proposer desires, must be specified in the proposal or the requested change will be deemed to have been waived.

A. General

1. Legality and Severability

The parties' actions under the Agreement shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, court orders and governmental agency orders. If a provision of the Agreement is terminated or held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall remain in full effect.

2. Iran Contracting Act of 2010

(Applicable for all RFP/Bids of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more). In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the Proposer certifies that at the time the proposal is submitted, the Proposer signing the proposal is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 (http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Resources/PDLegislation.aspx as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, as applicable.

Proposers are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the Proposer to civil penalties, termination of existing contract, and ineligibility to bid on a contract for a period of three (3) years in accordance with Public Contract Code section 2205. Proposer agrees that signing the Proposal shall constitute signature of this Certification.

3. Taxes

County is exempt from Federal excise taxes and no payment shall be made for any personal property taxes levied on Proposer or on any taxes levied on employee wages. The County shall only pay for any State or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or equipment and/or parts supplied to the County pursuant to the Agreement.

4. Representation of the County

In the performance of the Agreement, Proposer, its agents and employees, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the County of San Bernardino.

5. Proposer Primary Contact

The Proposer will designate an individual to serve as the primary point of contact for the Agreement. Proposer or designee must respond to County inquires within two (2) business days. Proposer shall not change the primary contact without written notification and acceptance of the County. Proposer will also designate a back-up point of contact in the event the primary contact is not available.

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6. Change of Address

Proposer shall notify the County in writing of any change in mailing address within ten (10) business days of the change.

7 Subcontracting

Proposer agrees not to enter into any subcontracting contracts for work contemplated under the Agreement without first obtaining written approval from the County. Any subcontracting shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as Proposer. Proposer shall be fully responsible for the performance and payments of any subcontractor's contract.

8. Agreement Assignability

Without the prior written consent of the County, the Agreement is not assignable by Proposer either in whole or in part.

9. Agreement Amendments

Proposer agrees any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of the provisions of the Agreement, shall be valid only when reduced to writing, executed and attached to the original Agreement and approved by the person(s) authorized to do so on behalf of Proposer and the County.

10. Termination for Convenience

The County for its convenience may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon ten (10) calendar day's written notice. Such adjustment shall provide for payment to the Proposer for services rendered and expenses incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of termination notice Proposer shall promptly discontinue services unless the notice directs otherwise. Proposer shall deliver promptly to County and transfer title (if necessary) all completed work, and work in progress, including drafts, documents, plans, forms, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports.

11. Attorney Fees and Costs

If any legal action is instituted to enforce any party's rights hereunder, each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, regardless of who is the prevailing party. This paragraph shall not apply to those costs and attorney fees directly arising from a third-party legal action against a party hereto and payable under Part B-1 Indemnification.

12. Venue

The venue of any action or claim brought by any party to this Agreement will be the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District. Each party hereby waives any law or rule of the court, which would allow them to request or demand a change of venue. If any action or claim concerning this Agreement is brought by any third-party and filed in another venue, the parties hereto agree to use their best efforts to obtain a change of venue to the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District.

13. Electronic Fund Transfer Program

Proposer shall accept all payments from County via electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly deposited into the Proposer's designated checking or other bank account. Proposer shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by County required to process EFT payments.

14. Licenses, Permits and/or Certifications

Proposer shall ensure that it has all necessary licenses, permits and/or certifications required by the laws of Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. The Proposer shall maintain these licenses, permits and/or certifications in effect for the duration of this Agreement. Proposer will notify County immediately of loss or suspension of any such licenses, permits and/or

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certifications. Failure to maintain required licenses, permits and/or certifications may result in immediate termination of this Agreement.

15. Prevailing Wage Laws

By its execution of this Agreement, Proposer certifies that it is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq. As well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain "public works" and "maintenance" projects. Section 1720 of the California Labor Code states in part: "For purposes of this paragraph, 'construction' includes work performed during the design and preconstruction phases of construction including, but not limited to, inspection and land surveying work." If the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Proposer agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. Proposer shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at the Proposer's principal place of business and at the project site. Proposer will also adhere to any other applicable requirements, including but not limited to, those regarding the employment of apprentices, travel and subsistence pay, retention and inspection of payroll records, workers compensation and forfeiture of penalties prescribed in the Labor Code for violations. Proposer shall defend, indemnify and hold the County, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claims, liabilities, costs, penalties or interest arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with Prevailing Wage Laws.

16. Notification Regarding Performance

In the event of a problem or potential problem that could impact the quality or quantity of work, services, or the level of performance under this Agreement, the Proposer shall notify the County within one (1) working day, in writing <u>and</u> by telephone.

17 Conflict of Interest

Proposer shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no conflict of interest exists between its officers, employees, or subcontractors and the County. Proposer shall make a reasonable effort to prevent employees, Proposers, or members of governing bodies from using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family business, or other ties. Officers, employees, and agents of cities, counties, districts, and other local agencies are subject to applicable conflict of interest codes and state law. In the event the County determines a conflict of interest situation exists, any increase in costs, associated with the conflict of interest situation, may be disallowed, by the County and such conflict may constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit employment of persons with whom Proposer's officers, employees, or agents have family, business, or other ties so long as the employment of such persons does not result in increased costs over those associated with the employment of any other equally qualified applicant.

18. Improper Consideration

Proposer shall not offer (either directly or through an intermediary) any improper consideration such as, but not limited to, cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or any items of value to any officer, employee or agent of the County in an attempt to secure favorable treatment regarding this Agreement.

The County, by written notice, may immediately terminate any Agreement if it determines that any improper consideration as described in the preceding paragraph was offered to any officer, employee

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or agent of the County with respect to the proposal and award process. This prohibition shall apply to any amendment, extension or evaluation process once an Agreement has been awarded.

Proposer shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit (either directly or through an intermediary) improper consideration from Proposer. The report shall be made to the supervisor or manager charged with supervision of the employee or to the County Administrative Office. In the event of a termination under this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

19. Employment of Former County Officials

Proposer agrees to provide or has already provided information on former County of San Bernardino administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Proposer. The information provided includes a list of former county administrative officials who terminated county employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of Proposer. For purposes of this provision, "county administrative official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such officer's staff, Chief Executive Officer or member of such officer's staff, county department or group head, assistant department or group head, or any employee in the Exempt Group, Management Unit or Safety Management Unit.

20. Inaccuracies or Misrepresentations

If in the administration of an Agreement, the County determines that Proposer has made a material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the County during the RFP process, the Agreement may be immediately terminated. In the event of a termination under this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

21 Ownership of Documents

All documents, data, products, graphics, computer programs, and reports prepared by the Proposer pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered property of the County upon payment for services (and product, if applicable). All such items shall be delivered to the County at the completion of work under this Agreement, subject to the requirements of Section V, Paragraph A, 9 (Termination for Convenience). Unless otherwise directed by the County, Proposer may retain copies of such items.

22. Copyright

County shall have a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to publish, disclose, copy, translate, and otherwise use, copyright or patent, now and hereafter, all reports, studies, information, data, statistics, forms, designs, plans, procedures, systems, and any other materials or properties developed under this Agreement including those covered by copyright, and reserves the right to authorize others to use or reproduce such material. All such materials developed under the terms of this Agreement shall acknowledge the County of San Bernardino as the funding agency and Proposer as the creator of the publication. No such materials or properties produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be subject to private use, copyright or patent right by Proposer in the United States or in any other country without the express written consent of County. Copies of all educational and training materials, curricula, audio/visual aids, printed material, and periodicals, assembled pursuant to this Agreement must be filed with the County prior to publication.

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23. Invoices

Proposer shall provide County itemized monthly invoices, in arrears, for services performed under this Agreement within twenty (20) days of the end of the previous month.

24. Release of Information

No news releases, advertisements, public announcements or photographs arising out of this Agreement or Proposer's relationship with County may be made or used without prior written approval of the County.

25. Section Not Used

26. Damage to County Property, Facilities, Buildings or Grounds

The Proposer shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, all damage to County vehicles, facilities, buildings or grounds caused by the willful or negligent acts of Proposer or employees or agents of the Proposer. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Proposer becomes aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.

If the Proposer fails to make timely repairs, the County may make any necessary repairs. The Proposer, as determined by the County, for such repairs shall repay all costs incurred by the County, by cash payment upon demand or County may deduct such costs from any amounts due to the Proposer from the County.

27. Air, Water Pollution Control, Safety and Health

Proposer shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances and statutes, which apply to the work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

28. Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace

In recognition of individual rights to work in a safe, healthful and productive work place, as a material condition of this Agreement, the Proposer agrees that the Proposer and the Proposer's employees, while performing service for the County, on County property, or while using County equipment:

- a. Shall not be in any way impaired because of being under the influence of alcohol or a drug.
- b. Shall not possess an open container of alcohol or consume alcohol or possess or be under the influence of an illegal drug.
- c. Shall not sell, offer, or provide alcohol or a drug to another person.

This shall not be applicable to a Proposer or Proposer's employee who, as part of the performance of normal job duties and responsibilities, prescribes or administers medically prescribed drugs.

The Proposer shall inform all employees that are performing service for the County on County property, or using County equipment, of the County's objective of a safe, healthful and productive work place and the prohibition of drug or alcohol use or impairment from same while performing such service for the County.

The County may terminate for default or breach of this Agreement and any other Agreement the Proposer has with the County, if the Proposer or Proposer's employees are determined by the County not to be in compliance with above.

29. Notice of Delays

Except as otherwise provided herein, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Agreement, that party shall,

within twenty-four (24) hours, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

30. Disclosure of Criminal and Civil Proceedings

The County reserves the right to request the information described herein from the Proposer selected for Agreement award. Failure to provide the information may result in a disqualification from the selection process and no award of Agreement to the Proposer. The County also reserves the right to obtain the requested information by way of a background check performed by an investigative firm. The selected Proposer also may be requested to provide information to clarify initial responses. Negative information provided or discovered may result in disqualification from the selection process and no award of Agreement.

The selected Proposer may be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees (as that term is defined herein), within the last ten years, has been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the firm's business, or whether the firm, or any of it partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, has within the last ten years, been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud. If the response is affirmative, the Proposer will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

In addition, the selected Proposer may also be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last ten years, has been the subject of legal proceedings as defined herein arising directly from the provision of services by the firm or those individuals. "Legal proceedings" means any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with jurisdiction over the firm or the individuals. If the response is affirmative, the Proposer will be asked to describe any such legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

For purposes of this provision "key employees" includes any individuals providing direct service to the county. "Key employees" do not include clerical personnel providing service at the firm's offices or locations.

31. Artwork, Proofs and/or Negatives

All artwork, proofs and/or negatives in either print or digital format for this product are the property of the County of San Bernardino. These items must be returned to the County of San Bernardino within ten (10) days, upon written notification to the Proposer. In the event of a failure to return the documents, the county is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies. In addition, the Proposer will be barred from all future solicitations, for a period of at least six (6) months.

32. Debarment and Suspension Certification

The Contractor's signature affixed herein (Attachment G), shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the Contractor has complied with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29, Debarment and Suspension Certificate, which certifies that he/she or any other person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment

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rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.

Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to the County. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining Contractor responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

33. Environmental Requirements

In accordance with County Policy 11-10, the County prefers to acquire and use products with higher levels of post-consumer recycled content. Environmentally preferable goods and materials must perform satisfactorily and be available at a reasonable price. The County requires Proposers to use recycled paper for proposals and for any printed or photocopied material created as a result of an Agreement with the County. The policy also requires Proposers to use both sides of paper sheets for reports submitted to the County whenever practicable.

Although the County has not committed to allowing a cost preference, if two products are equivalent and the cost is feasible the environmentally preferable product would be selected. The intent is to utilize Proposers that reduce environmental impacts in their production and distribution systems whenever fiscally practicable.

To assist the County in meeting the reporting requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB939), Proposer must be able to annually report the County's environmentally preferable purchases using Attachment I. Service providers are asked to report on environmentally preferable goods and materials used in the provision of their service to the County.

34. American-Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding (ARRA) Use of ARRA Funds and Requirements

This Agreement may be funded in whole or in part with funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), signed into law on February 17, 2009. Section 1605 of ARRA prohibits the use of recovery funds for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a public building or public work (both as defined in 2 CFR 176.140) unless all of the iron, steel and manufactured goods (as defined in 2 CFR 176.140) used in the project are produced in the United States. A waiver is available under three limited circumstances: (i) Iron, steel or relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonable quantities and of a satisfactory quality; (ii) Inclusion of iron, steel or manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent; or (iii) Applying the domestic preference would be inconsistent with the public interest. This is referred to as the "Buy American" requirement. Request for a waiver must be made to the County for an appropriate determination.

Section 1606 of ARRA requires that laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to ARRA shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 31). This is referred to as the "wage rate" requirement.

The above described provisions constitute notice under ARRA of the Buy American and wage rate requirements. Proposer must contact the County contact if it has any questions regarding the applicability or implementation of the ARRA Buy American and wage rate requirements. Proposer

will also be required to provide detailed information regarding compliance with the Buy American requirements, expenditure of funds and wages paid to employees so that the County may fulfill any reporting requirements it has under ARRA. The information may be required as frequently as monthly or quarterly. Proposer agrees to fully cooperate in providing information or documents as requested by the County pursuant to this provision. Failure to do so will be deemed a default and may result in the withholding of payments and termination of this Agreement.

Proposer may also be required to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database at http://www.ccr.gov and may be required to have its subcontractors also register in the same database. Proposer must contact the County with any questions regarding registration requirements.

Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards

In addition to the requirements described in "Use of ARRA Funds and Requirements," proper accounting and reporting of ARRA expenditures in single audits is required. Proposer agrees to separately identify the expenditures for each grant award funded under ARRA on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC) required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations." This identification on the SEFA and SF-SAC shall include the Federal award number, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number, and amount such that separate accountability and disclosure is provided for ARRA funds by Federal award number consistent with the recipient reports required by ARRA Section 1512 (c).

In addition, Proposer agrees to separately identify to each subcontractor and document at the time of subcontract and at the time of disbursement of funds, the Federal award number, any special CFDA number assigned for ARRA purposes, and amount of ARRA funds.

Proposer may be required to provide detailed information regarding expenditures so that the County may fulfill any reporting requirements under ARRA described in this section. The information may be required as frequently as monthly or quarterly. Proposer agrees to fully cooperate in providing information or documents as requested by the County pursuant to this provision. Failure to do so will be deemed a default and may result in the withholding of payments and termination of this Agreement.

Whistleblower Protection

Proposer agrees that both it and its subcontractors shall comply with Section 1553 of the ARRA, which prohibits all non-Federal contractors, including the State, and all contractors of the State, from discharging, demoting or otherwise discriminating against an employee for disclosures by the employee that the employee reasonably believes are evidence of: (1) gross mismanagement of an Agreement relating to ARRA funds; (2) a gross waste of ARRA funds; (3) a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety related to the implementation or use of ARRA funds; (4) an abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of recovery funds; or (5) a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to an agency Agreement (including the competition for or negotiation of an Agreement) awarded or issued relating to ARRA funds.

Contractor agrees that it and its subcontractors shall post notice of the rights and remedies available to employees under Section 1553 of Division A, Title XV of the ARRA.

B. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements

1 Indemnification

For "design professional services" as defined in Civil Code section 2782.8, the following indemnification paragraph applies: "Proposer shall defend and indemnify County for claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the design professional."

For a "construction contract" as defined in Civil Code section 2783, the following indemnification paragraph applies: "The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers (Indemnitees) from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the Indemnitees on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnitees. The Contractor's indemnification obligation applies to the Indemnitee's "passive" negligence but does not apply to the Indemnitee's "sole" or "active" negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code Section 2782."

For all other consultant services, the following indemnification paragraph applies: "The Proposer agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnities. The Proposer indemnification obligation applies to the County's "active" as well as "passive" negligence but does not apply to the County's "sole negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code Section 2782."

2. Basic Insurance Requirements Additional Insured

All policies, except for the Workers' Compensation, Errors and Omissions and Professional Liability policies shall contain additional endorsements naming the County and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of services hereunder. The additional insured endorsements shall not limit the scope of coverage for the County to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the County to the full extent provided by the policy. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured (Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 2010.11 85.

Waiver of Subrogation Rights

The Proposer shall require the carriers of required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, and subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Proposer and Proposer's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Proposer hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.

Policies Primary and Non-Contributory

All policies required above are to be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the County.

Severability of Interests

The Proposer agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Proposer and the County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

Proof of Coverage

The Proposer shall furnish certificates of insurance to the County Department administering the Agreement evidencing the insurance coverage at the time the Agreement is executed, additional endorsements, as required shall be provided prior to the commencement of performance of services hereunder, which certificates shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without thirty (30) days written notice to the Department(s) and Proposer shall maintain such insurance from the time Proposer commences performance of services hereunder until the completion of such services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of this Agreement, the Proposer shall furnish a copy of the Declaration page for all applicable policies and will provide complete certified copies of the policies and all endorsements immediately upon request.

Acceptability of Insurance Carrier

Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum "Best" Insurance Guide rating of "A-VII".

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention

Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management.

Failure to Procure Coverage

In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, the County has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel the Agreement or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the County will be promptly reimbursed by the Proposer or County payments to the Proposer(s)/Applicant(s) will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.

Insurance Review

Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County. The Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced, or is not needed to protect the interest of the County. In addition, if the Department of Risk Management determines that heretofore unreasonably priced or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to change the above insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims again the County, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the County's risk.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. Proposer agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of the County to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of the County.

3. Insurance Specifications

The Proposer agrees to provide insurance set forth in accordance with the requirements herein. If the Proposer uses existing coverage to comply with these requirements and that coverage does not meet the specified requirements, the Proposer agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the existing coverage to do so.

Without in anyway affecting the indemnity herein provided and in addition thereto, the Proposer shall secure and maintain throughout the Agreement term the following types of insurance with limits as shown:

Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability

A program of Workers' Compensation insurance or a State-approved Self-Insurance Program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with \$250,000 limits, covering all persons including volunteers providing services on behalf of the Proposer and all risks to such persons under this Agreement.

If Proposer has no employees, it may certify or warrant to County that it does not currently have any employees or individuals who are defined as "employees" under the Labor Code and the requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage will be waived by the County's Director of Risk Management.

With respect to Proposers that are non-profit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.

Commercial/General Liability Insurance

The Proposer shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of the Proposer providing coverage for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence. The policy coverage shall include:

- a. Premises operations and mobile equipment.
- b. Products and completed operations.
- c. Broad form property damage (including completed operations)
- d. Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
- e. Personal injury
- f. Contractual liability
- g. \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit

Automobile Liability Insurance

Primary insurance coverage shall be written on ISO Business Auto coverage form for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles or symbol 1 (any auto). The policy shall have a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence.

If the Proposer is transporting one or more non-employee passengers in performance of Agreement services, the automobile liability policy shall have a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.

If the Proposer owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

Umbrella Liability Insurance

An umbrella (over primary) or excess policy may be used to comply with limits or other primary coverage requirements. When used, the umbrella policy shall apply to bodily injury/property damage, personal injury/advertising injury and shall include a "dropdown" provision providing primary coverage for any liability not covered by the primary policy. The coverage shall also apply to automobile liability.

Professional Services Requirements

Professional Liability – Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) per claim or occurrence and two million (\$2,000,000) aggregate limits

or

Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) and two million (\$2,000,000) aggregate limits

If insurance coverage is provided on a "claims made" policy, the "retroactive date" shall be shown and must be before the date of the start of the Agreement work. The claims made insurance shall be maintained or "tail" coverage provided for a minimum of five (5) years after Agreement completion.

C. Right to Monitor and Audit

1. Right to Monitor

The County, shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, and other pertinent items as requested, and shall have absolute right to monitor the performance of Proposer in the delivery of services provided under this Agreement. Proposer shall give full cooperation, in any auditing or monitoring conducted. Proposer shall cooperate with the County in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this Agreement and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the County.

In the event the County determines that Proposer's performance of its duties or other terms of this Agreement are deficient in any manner, County will notify Proposer of such deficiency in writing or orally, provided written confirmation is given five (5) days thereafter. Proposer shall remedy any deficiency within forty-eight (48) hours of such notification, or County at its option, may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice, or remedy deficiency and off set the cost thereof from any amounts due the Proposer under this Agreement or otherwise.

2. Availability of Records

All records pertaining to services delivered and all fiscal, statistical and management books and records shall be available for examination and audit by County representatives for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement or until all pending County, State and Federal audits are completed, whichever is later.

VI. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

A. General

1. All interested and qualified Proposers are invited to submit a proposal for consideration. Submission of a proposal indicates that the Proposer has read and understands the entire RFP, to include all

appendixes, attachments, exhibits, schedules, and addendum (as applicable) and all concerns regarding the RFP have been satisfied.

- 2. Proposals must be submitted in the format described below. Proposals are to be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Expensive bindings, colored displays, promotional materials, etc., are neither necessary nor desired. Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the RFP instructions, responsiveness to the RFP requirements, and on completeness and clarity of content.
- 3. Proposals must be completed in all respects as required in this section. A proposal may not be considered if it is conditional or incomplete.
- 4. All information submitted in the proposal or in response to request for additional information is subject to disclosure under the provisions of the California Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250 et seq. and the following. Proposals may contain financial or other data that constitutes a trade secret. To protect such data from disclosure, Proposer should specifically identify the pages that contain confidential information by properly marking the applicable pages and inserting the following notice on the front of the response:

NOTICE

The data on pages_____ of this proposal response, identified by an asterisk (*) or marked along the margin with a vertical line, contains information which are trade secrets. We request that such data be used only for the evaluation of our response, but understand that disclosure will be limited to the extent that the County of San Bernardino determines is proper under federal, state, and local law.

The proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the Proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal.

The County assumes no responsibility for disclosure or use of unmarked data for any purpose. In the event disclosure of properly marked data is requested, the Proposer will be advised of the request and may expeditiously submit to the County a detailed statement indicating the reasons it has for believing that the information is exempt from disclosure under federal, state, and local law. The County will exercise care in applying this confidentiality standard but will not be held liable for any damage or injury which may result from any disclosure that may occur.

B. Proposal Presentation

- All proposals must be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 paper, neatly typed, double-sided on recycled paper, with normal (1-inch) margins and single-spaced. Typeface must be no more than 12 characters per inch. Each page, including attachments, must be clearly and consecutively numbered at the bottom center of each page.
- 2. One (1) original and three (3) copies, for a total of four (4), of the complete proposal must be received by the deadline for receipt of proposal specified in Section I, Paragraph H (Proposal Timeline). The original and all copies must be in a sealed envelope or container stating on the outside: Proposer Name, Address, Telephone Number, RFP number, RFP Title, and Proposal due date. PROPOSER MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FEE PROPOSAL SHEET (ATTACHMENT F), AND ENCLOSE IT IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE TO BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE PROPOSAL.

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3. Hand carried proposals may be delivered to the address identified in Section I, Paragraph F, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays observed by the County. Proposers are responsible for informing any commercial delivery service, if used, of all delivery requirements, and for ensuring that the address information appears on the outer wrapper or envelope used by such service.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or portions of proposal or alternates received by reasons of this request, to negotiate separately with any source whatsoever in any manner necessary to serve its interests.

C. Proposal Format

Response to this RFP must be in the form of a proposal package, which must be submitted in the following format:

- 1. Cover Page Attachment A is to be used as the cover page for the proposal. This form must be fully completed and signed by an authorized officer of the Proposer.
- 2. **Table of Contents** All pages of the proposal, including the enclosures, must be clearly and consecutively numbered and correspond to the Table of Contents.

3. Statement of Experience

Include the following in this section of the proposal:

- a. Business name of the prospective Proposer and legal entity such as corporation, partnership, etc.
- b. Number of years the prospective Proposer has been in business under the present business name, as well as related prior business names.
- c. A brief summary of the relevant qualifications and experience in providing the services solicited in this RFP.

4. Minimum Proposer Requirements

Complete, initial, and sign Attachment B.

5. Exceptions to RFP

Complete Attachment C.

- 6. Statement of Certification (Attachment D) Include the following in this section of the Proposal
 - a. A statement that the offer made in the proposal is firm and binding for 180 days from the date the proposal is opened and recorded.
 - b. A statement that all aspects of the proposal, including the fee proposal, have been determined independently, without consultation with any other prospective Proposer or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
 - c. A statement that all declarations in the proposal and attachments are true and that this shall constitute a warranty, the falsity of which will entitle the County to pursue any remedy by law.
 - d. A statement that the Proposer agrees that all aspects of the RFP and the proposal submitted shall be binding if the proposal is selected and an Agreement awarded.
 - e. A statement that the Proposer agrees to provide the County with any other information the County determines is necessary for an accurate determination of the Proposer's ability to perform the services as proposed; and
 - f. A statement that the prospective Proposer, if selected will comply with all applicable rules, laws and regulations.
 - g. Valid Caltrans certification for the required tests.

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7: References

Provide three (3) references from other agencies that you have established an Agreement with on a project of this nature, of same or similar size. Provide Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, and dates services were provided on Attachment E.

8. Proposal Description

Provide a detailed description of the proposal being made.

- a. The proposal should address, but is not limited to, all terms in Section IV.
- b. The proposal should include the following:
 - i. A brief synopsis of the Proposer understands of the County's needs and how the Proposer plans to meet these.
 - ii. A concise statement of the services (and product, if applicable) proposed.
 - iii. An explanation of any assumptions and/or constraints.

iv.

9. Project Team Organization Chart

Project Team Organization Chart shall clearly show the organization of the team and the hierarchy of the members. It must include:

- a. Organizational framework for the proposed Project team.
- b. Company name and key staff name for each role identified in the chart.

10. Statement of Qualifications

Include the following in this section of the proposal:

- a. Number of years the prospective Proposer has been in business under the present business name, as well as related prior business names.
- b. Statement that the Proposer does not have any commitments or potential commitments which may impact the Proposer's ability to perform this Agreement.
- c. A list of references with which Proposer has provided similar services during the last five (5) years. Please include the name, address, and telephone number, and the type of services provided. Please include a contact person who the County can call in order to verify the quality of services your organization/firm has provided.
- d. Resumes of key Project team members.
- e. Provide project profiles that directly relate to this Project in terms of size and scope. The project profiles shall clearly indicate the scope of services Proposer provided for that project.

11. Licenses, Permits and/or Certifications

Provide copies of all licenses, permits and/or certifications as required under Section V, Paragraph A, 13.

12. Cost

Complete proposed pricing on Attachment F and enclose it in a separate sealed envelope to be submitted as part of the proposal.

13. Employment of Former County Officials

Provide information on former County of San Bernardino administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent your business. The information provided must include a list of former county administrative officials who terminated county employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business and should also include the employment and/or representative capacity and the dates these individuals began

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employment with or representation of your business. For purposes of this section, "county administrative official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such officer's staff, Chief Executive Officer or member of such officer's staff, county department or group head, assistant department or group head, or any employee in the Exempt Group, Management Unit or Safety Management Unit.

Failure to provide this information may result in the response to the request for proposal being deemed non-responsive.

14. Insurance

Submit evidence of ability to insure as stated in Section V, Paragraph B, Indemnicication and Insurance Requirements.

15. Refusing Perform a Service

A Consultant contract may be cancelled should a chosen Consultant refuse to perform requested services three times consecutively. When refusing to perform a requested service, the Consultant should state the reason for refusal.

VII. PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

A. Initial Review

All proposals will be initially evaluated by Department staff to determine if they meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1. The proposal must be complete, in the required format, and be in compliance with all the requirements of this RFP.
- 2. Prospective Proposers must meet the requirements as stated in the Minimum Proposer requirements as outlined in Section I, Paragraph C. Failure to meet all of these requirements will result in a rejected proposal. No proposal shall be rejected, however, if it contains a minor irregularity, defect or variation and if the irregularity, defect or variation is considered by the County to be immaterial or inconsequential, the County may chose to accept the proposal. In such cases the Proposer will be notified of the deficiency in the proposal and given an opportunity to correct the irregularity, defect or variation or the County may elect to waive the deficiency and accept the proposal.

B. Evaluation Committee

The County will establish an Evaluation Committee with responsibility for reviewing all proposals that meet the Minimum Proposer requirements outlined in Section I, Paragraph C and conducting the reviews, evaluations, and scoring described in Section VII. In addition, the Evaluation Committee, may, in its sole discretion, utilize outside experts and financial consulting or reporting services to assist in the evaluation process.

C. Evaluation of Proposals

Proposals meeting the requirements of Section VII, Paragraph A, will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee as follows:

1. Qualifications Evaluation – The Evaluation Committee will conduct an evaluation of all proposals under the criteria set forth in Section VII, Paragraph D. The Evaluation Committee will rank all proposals and reject any proposals that do not meet the minimum qualifications as stated in this RFP.

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Fee Proposals – Following a ranking of the proposals, the Evaluation Committee will open all fee
proposals. The Evaluation Committee will not alter the ranking of the proposals once the fee proposals
have been opened. However, the fee proposals will be used during negotiations with the selected
Proposer.

Recommendation – Following the completion of evaluations by the Evaluation Committee and the scoring of Proposals in accordance with this Section, the Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation for award of a Proposer Agreement and Department Staff will enter into negotiations with the Proposer. The final decision to award any Agreement as a result of this RFP process rests solely with the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors. In certain situations, the Board may authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and/or the Purchasing Agent to award Agreements.

D. Evaluation Criteria

- No proposal shall be rejected if it contains a minor irregularity, defect, or variation if the irregularity, defect or variation is considered by the County (at the County's sole discretion) to be immaterial or inconsequential. In such cases the Proposer will be notified of the deficiency in the proposal and given an opportunity to correct the irregularity, defect or variation, or the County may elect to waive the deficiency and accept the Proposal.
- 2. The successful Proposer will be selected on the basis of demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. (Note-Weighted factors should be defined clearly in the RFP to communicate to Proposers the relative importance of a specific criterion upon which the Proposers can shape and focus their proposals. A 100 or 1000-point numerical system generally produces the best results. Since it works the best, the 1000-point numerical system is recommended for technical or complex solicitations.) The County will use the following criteria in its evaluation and comparison of proposals submitted. The order in which they appear is not intended to indicate their relative importance.
 - a. Responsiveness to RFP.
 - b. Letters of recommendation
 - c. Experience with projects similar to those described in this RFP.
 - d. Experience designing and receiving certification for LEED Silver (or better) publicly bid project. (If applicable)
 - e. Experience with publicly bid projects.
 - f. Adequacy of firm's support staff or sub-consultants.
 - g. Satisfaction of current/past clients.
 - h. Depth and breadth of experience relative to this project.
 - i. Proven experience in meeting schedules.
 - j. Accuracy of firms cost estimates.
 - k. Experience with local approval agencies.
- 3. The Evaluation Committee may contact any of the Proposer's client references to discuss the Proposer's qualifications and past performance. The results of any such reference checks will be considered in the evaluation and scoring of proposals.
- 4. The County may also contact any proposer to clarify any response; contact any current users of a proposer's services; solicit information from any available source concerning any aspect of a proposal; request an oral presentation of any or a select few proposers; and seek and review any other information deemed pertinent to the evaluation process.

E. Negotiations

- 1. Following the evaluation process, the most qualified firm will be selected and negotiations will be held with that firm. If negotiations are not successful, the County will so notify the firm, and commence negotiations with the next rated firm, and so on.
- 2. After negotiations are complete, the Agreement will be presented to the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors for approval. In certain situations, the Board may authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and/or the Purchasing Agent to award Agreements. Once the Board has taken action, the selected Proposer will be notified in writing.

F. Award

Agreement(s) will be awarded based on a competitive selection of proposals received. The contents of the proposal of the successful Proposer will become contractual obligations and failure to accept these obligations in a contractual Agreement may result in cancellation of the award.

G. Disputes Relating to Proposal Process and Award

In the event a dispute arises concerning the proposal process prior to the award of the Agreement, the party wishing resolution of the dispute shall submit a request in writing to the Director of Purchasing. Proposer may appeal the recommended award or denial of award, provided the following stipulations are met:

- 1. Appeal must be in writing.
- 2. Must be submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the recommended award or denial of award letters.

An appeal of a denial of award can only be brought on the following grounds:

- 1. Failure of the County to follow the selection procedures and adhere to requirements specified in the RFP or any addenda or amendments.
- 2. There has been a violation of conflict of interest as provided by California Government Code Section 87100 et seq.
- 3. A violation of State or Federal law.

Appeals will not be accepted for any other reasons than those stated above. All appeals must be sent to:

Laurie Rozko, Director County of San Bernardino Purchasing Department 777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415-0760

The County Purchasing Agent shall make a decision concerning the appeal, and notify the Proposer making the appeal, within a reasonable timeframe prior to the tentatively scheduled date for awarding the Agreement. The decision of the County Purchasing Agent shall be deemed final.

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ATTACHMENT A - COVER PAGE

PROPOSER'S NAME (name of firm, entity, or organization):
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:
NAME AND TITLE OF PROPOSER'S CONTACT PERSON:
MAILING ADDRESS: Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
FAX NUMBER:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
PROPOSER'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURECorporationPartnershipProprietorshipJoint VentureOther (explain):
If Corporation, Date Incorporated:State Incorporated:State States Registered in as foreign corporation:
PROPOSER'S SERVICES OR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN WHAT THIS RFP REQUESTS:
PROPOSER'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: The undersigned hereby certifies that this proposal is submitted in response to this solicitation.
SIGNED:
DATE:
PRINT NAME:
TITLE:

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ATTACHMENT B - MINIMUM PROPOSER REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to all prospective Proposers.

	Requirement	Agree (initial)	Agree with qualification (initial and attach explanation)
1.	Have no record of unsatisfactory performance. Proposers who are or have been seriously deficient in current or recent Agreement performance, in the absence of circumstances properly beyond the control of the Proposer, shall be presumed to be unable to meet this requirement.		
2.	Be independent companies with no ties to any companies listed in the "Scope of Work" section of this document (Section IV).		
3.	Have the ability to maintain adequate files and records and meet statistical reporting requirements.		
4.	Have the administrative and fiscal capability to provide and manage the proposed services and to ensure an adequate audit trail.		
5.	Have a minimum of three (3) continuous years of experience providing this type of service.		
6.	Provide references of a minimum of three (3) other customers, one (1) of which should be a government agency, involving the Proposer's delivery of services that demonstrate the ability of the Proposer to provide Geotechnical And Geology services as outlined in this RFP. All references must have names, titles and phone numbers.	,	
7.	Meet other presentation and participation requirements listed in this RFP.		
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ATTACHMENT C - EXCEPTIONS TO RFP

PROPOSER NAME	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE# ()	FAX # ()
following exceptions: (Please identify and list	t Terms and Sample Agreement in their entirety and have the your exceptions by indicating RFP, the Section or Paragraph Be specific about your objections to content, language, or
Name of Authorized Representative	
Signature of Authorized Representative	
Date	

ATTACHMENT D - STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The following statements are incorporated in our response to the County of San Bernardino.

	Statement	Agree (initial)	Agree with qualification (initial and attach explanation)
1.	The offer made in the proposal is firm and binding for 180 days from the date the proposal is opened and recorded.		
2.	All aspects of the proposal, including the fee proposal, have been determined independently, without consultation with any other prospective Proposer or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.		
3.	All declarations in the proposal and attachments are true and that this shall constitute a warranty, the falsity of which will entitle the County to pursue any remedy by law.		
4.	Proposer agrees that all aspects of the RFP and the proposal submitted shall be binding if the proposal is selected and an Agreement awarded.		
5.	Proposer agrees to provide the County with any other information the County determines is necessary for an accurate determination of the Proposer's ability to perform the services as proposed; and		
6.	Proposer, if selected will comply with all applicable rules, laws and regulations.		

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ATTACHMENT E - REFERENCES

Name of Agency	Contact Name/Address	Phone Number	Dates services provided (from/through*)
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Provide a minimum of three (3) customer references you have contracted with, providing the same service as requested in this RFP.

^{*}Enter "Present" if still providing the services (Example: 10/08/03/present).

ATTACHMENT F - FEE PROPOSAL SHEET(S)

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[Insert name of project] Proj

Proposer's All-Inclusive Fee
(Including reimbursable expenses, such as
travel costs, printing costs, etc.)

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Test #	Title of Test Method	CT #	Fee	
1.	Sieve Analysis – Fine Aggregates	202		
2.	Sieve Analysis – Coarse Aggregates	202		
3.	Mechanical Analysis (Hydrometer)	203		
4.	Atterberg Limits (Plasticity Index of Soils)	204		
5.	Specific Gravity of Coarse Aggregate	206		
6.	Specific Gravity of Fine Aggregate	207	-	
7.	Sand Equivalent	217		
8.	R value	301		
9.	Preparation of Bituminous Mixture for Testing	304		
10.	Bulk Specific Gravity And Density Of Bituminous Mixtures	308	· .	
11.	Theoretical Mass Density of Asphalt	309		
12.	Stabilometer Value	366		
13.	Extraction Test (Asphalt)	382		
14.	Gradation (Asphalt)	202		
15.	Hydrogen-ion Concentration (pH)	643		
16	Relative Compaction	216		

The fees listed shall include full compensation for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals and for doing all work involved in these test methods. No additional or administrative fees will be accepted.

Proposer must complete this form.

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ATTACHMENT G - DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION TITLE 49, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 29

The Proposer, under penalty of perjury, certifies that, except as noted below, he/she or any other person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, manager:

- is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any Federal agency:
- has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal agency within the past 3 years;
- does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past 3 years.

If there are ar	y exceptions to this ce	rtification, insert the exceptions in	the following space.		
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Notes:	Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.				
	The above certificathe signature por Certification.	ation is part of the Proposal. S tion thereof shall also const	igning this Proposal on itute signature of this		
uthorized Signa	ature	Print Name	Date		

ATTACHMENT H - PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to ensure that all items requested have been included.

	Items Completed	Page (s)
1.	Attachment A – Cover Page	
2.	Attachment B – Minimum Proposer Requirements	
3.	Attachment C – Exceptions to RFP	
4.	Attachment D – Statement of Certification	
5.	Attachment E – References	
6.	Attachment F – Fee Proposal Sheet (in separate sealed envelope)	
7	Attachment G – Debarment and Suspension Certification	
8.	Attachment H – Proposal Checklist	
9.	Licenses/Certifications	

County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works

ATTACHMENT I - REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE GOODS AND SERVICES

County of San Bernardino

			nformation	Certifications andfor accreditation (see attachment)	
			Environmental Information	Green Attributes (see	
(Proposer)			ā	Green V/N	
(Prop			Supplier Information	Manufacturer Name	
Green Purchasing Report from	Account No	≻	tion	Total	
		//DD/YYY		No. of Total units Cost	
		Y to MM		Price p/unit	
		IM/DD/YYY	Product Information	Quantity	
		V	Prodi	Product	
				Product No.	
				Invoice Date	
		Billing Information	Invoice or Reference No.		
			PO No.		

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EXAMPLES OF GREEN ATTRIBUTES	EXAMPLES OF CERTIFICATION AND/OR ACCREDITATION
Biobased	Certified Approved Product (AP) Non-Toxic
Biodegradable	Ecologo Certified
Carcinogen-free	Energy Star
Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-free	Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) program
Compostable	Forest Stewardship Council Certified
Energy efficiency	Green Seal Certified
Lead-free	Greenguard Certified
Less hazardous	Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)
Low toxicity	
Mercury-free	
Persistent bioaccumulative toxin (PBT)-free	
Rapidly renewable	
Rechargeable	
Recyclable	
Recycled content	
Reduced greenhouse gas emissions	
Reduced packaging	
Refill/refillable	
Remanufactured/refurbished	
Renewable materials	
Responsible forestry	
Upgradeable	
Water efficiency	

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ATTACHMENT J - SAMPLE CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is entere	ed into in the State of California by and	l between the Co	ounty of San Bernardino, l	nereinafter called the
County, and				
Name				
Address		hereinafter (called <u>Vendor</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Telephone	Federal ID No. or Social Security No.		·	
IT IS HEREBY AGREEI (Use space below and additiona completion, determination of sa addenda, if any.)	O AS FOLLOWS: all bond sheets. Set forth service to be rentisfactory performance and cause for terminal contents.	ndered, amount to nation, other term	be paid, manner of payments and conditions, and attach	nt, time for performance or plans, specifications, and
This Agreement is enter and the County of San B	red into as of betw Bernardino (hereinafter referred t	veen o as County)	(hereinafter refe	erred to as Vendor)
RECITALS				
	of San Bernardino desires to de r Road Paving Projects; , AND	signate a ven	ndor of choice to provi	de Geotechnical
WHEREAS, the County services, AND	conducted a competitive prod	cess to find	vendors able to prov	vide the necessary
WHEREAS, has been determined to herein,	_ has been evaluated by have the necessary skills to pro	(here vide services	einafter referred to as under the terms and	s) and conditions provided
NOW, THEREFORE, the Geology Services for Ro	e County designates ad Paving Projects for the Coun	_ as a vendo ty as follows:	or of choice to provide	e Geotechnical and
A. TERM OF AGREEME	ENT			
The term of this Agree one-year options to ex	ement is for, beginning tend the Agreement at the Coul	ng nty's discretic	and ending on upon satisfactory p	, plus two (2) erformance.
The County reserves termination in the ever	the right to terminate the entirent the Vendor does not perform	e Agreement service in a s	t with a thirty (30) da atisfactory manner.	ay written notice of
The County and the V (60) day written notice	endor each reserve the right to e of termination. Such termination	terminate the	Agreement, for any a ude all or part of the	reason, with a sixty services described

B. GENERAL AGREEMENT TERMS

herein.

1. CONTRACT TRANSACTION CHARGE (CTC)

Contractor agrees to remit a Contract Transaction Charge (CTC) in the amount of one percent (1%) of all sales (products and/or services) occurring under this contract, not including taxes, capped at 1% of \$100,000 or \$1,000 per contract. Contractor agrees not to assess the transaction charge in the form of a line item in their invoices, rather it will include the CTC in its unit prices for all products and/or services available under the contract. The CTC shall be remitted to the County Purchasing Department at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415, no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the end of the calendar quarter in which sales (products and/or services) under the contract were paid. At the end of each calendar quarter or on the termination date of the contract, Contactor will calculate the CTC owed to County by multiplying the dollar amount of sales (products and/or services) paid by County in that calendar quarter by 1%. In no event shall Contractor remit to County more than \$1,000 in total CTC payments due under the contract. Calendar quarters shall include the months of January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December. Contractor's obligation to remit the CTC survives termination of the contract. Upon termination of the contract, Contractor shall remit any outstanding CTC payments due to County within thirty (30) calendar days following the latter of: 1) termination of contract or, 2) final payment by County (if applicable). Contractor's failure to remit the CTC in a timely manner may result in the County exercising any recourse available under the contract or as provided for by law.

2. IRAN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2010

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the Contractor certifies that at the time the Contract is signed, the Contractor signing the Contract is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 (http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Resources/PDLegislation.aspx) as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, as applicable.

Contractors are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the Contractor to civil penalties, termination of existing contract, and ineligibility to bid on a contract for a period of three (3) years in accordance with Public Contract Code section 2205.

3. TAXES

County is exempt from Federal excise taxes and no payment shall be made for any personal property taxes levied on Vendor or on any taxes levied on employee wages. The County shall only pay for any State or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or equipment and/or parts supplied to the County pursuant to the Agreement.

4. NOTIFICATION REGARDING PERFORMANCE

In the event of a problem or potential problem that could impact the quality or quantity of work, services, or the level of performance under the Agreement, the Vendor shall notify the County within one (1) working day, in writing and by telephone.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Vendor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no County officer or employee, whose position in the County enables him/her to influence any award of the Agreement or any competing offer, shall have any direct or indirect financial interest resulting from the award of the Agreement or shall have any relationship to the Vendor or officer or employee of the Vendor.

6. IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

Vendor shall not offer (either directly or through an intermediary) any improper consideration such as,

but not limited to cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or any items of value to any officer, employee or agent of the County in an attempt to secure favorable treatment regarding the Agreement.

The County, by written notice, may immediately terminate any Agreement if it determines that any improper consideration as described in the preceding paragraph was offered to any officer, employee or agent of the County with respect to the proposal and award process. This prohibition shall apply to any amendment, extension or evaluation process once an Agreement has been awarded.

Vendor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit (either directly or through an intermediary) improper consideration from Vendor. The report shall be made to the supervisor or manager charged with supervision of the employee or to the County Administrative Office. In the event of a termination under this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

7. INACCURACIES OR MISREPRESENTATIONS

If in the course of Agreement, if the County determines that Vendor has made a material misstatement or misrepresentation or that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the County, the Vendor may be terminated from the RFP process or in the event an Agreement has been awarded, the Agreement may be immediately terminated.

In the event of a termination under this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

8. EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER COUNTY OFFICIALS

Vendor agrees to provide or has already provided information on former County of San Bernardino administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Vendor. The information provided includes a list of former County administrative officials who terminated County employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of Vendor. For purposes of this provision, "County administrative official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such officer's staff, County Administrative Officer or member of such officer's staff, County department or group head, assistant department or group head, or any employee in the Exempt Group, Management Unit or Safety Management Unit.

9. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All documents, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports prepared by Vendor pursuant to the Agreement shall be considered property of the County upon payment for services. All such items shall be delivered to County at the completion of work under the Agreement, subject to the requirements of Section III -Termination for Convenience. Unless otherwise directed by County, Vendor may retain copies of such items.

10. RELEASE OF INFORMATION

No news releases, advertisements, public announcements or photographs arising out of the Agreement or Vendor's relationship with County may be made or used without prior written approval of the County.

11. DAMAGE TO COUNTY PROPERTY, FACILITIES, BUILDINGS, OR GROUNDS

Vendor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, all damage to County vehicles, facilities, buildings or grounds caused by the willful or negligent acts of Vendor or employees or agents of the Vendor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after Vendor becomes aware of such damage, but in

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no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.

If the Vendor fails to make timely repairs, the County may make any necessary repairs. The Vendor, as determined by the County, for such repairs shall repay all costs incurred by the County, by cash payment upon demand, or County may deduct such costs from any amounts due to the Vendor from the County.

12. AIR, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, SAFETY AND HEALTH

Vendor shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances and statutes, which apply to the work performed pursuant to this contract.

13. DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

In recognition of individual rights to work in a safe, healthful and productive work place, as a material condition of this agreement, the Vendor agrees that the Vendor and the Vendor's employees, while performing service for the County, on County property, or while using County equipment:

- a. Shall not be in any way impaired because of being under the influence of alcohol or a drug.
- b. Shall not possess an open container of alcohol or consume alcohol or possess or be under the influence of an illegal drug.
- c. Shall not sell, offer, or provide alcohol or a drug to another person.

This shall not be applicable to a Vendor or Vendor's employee who, as part of the performance of normal job duties and responsibilities, prescribes or administers medically prescribed drugs.

The Vendor shall inform all employees that are performing service for the County on County property, or using County equipment, of the County's objective of a safe, healthful and productive work place and the prohibition of drug or alcohol use or impairment from same while performing such service for the County.

The County may terminate for default or breach of this agreement and any other agreement the Vendor has with the County, if the Vendor or Vendor's employees are determined by the County not to be in compliance with above.

14. NOTICE OF DELAYS

Except as otherwise provided herein, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this contract, that party shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

15. PRICE GUARANTEE AND PRICE ESCALATION

All prices will be considered firm for the entire period of the contract unless otherwise stated. If the Vendor seeks any increases in price, the County requires bona fide proof of cost increases on contracts prior to any price escalation adjustment. A minimum thirty (30) days advance written notice is required to secure such adjustments. No retroactive pricing adjustments will be considered. Written approval of the County must be obtained prior to the effective date of any adjustments. The County may enforce, adjust, or terminate escalating price contracts as it sees fit.

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C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. TIME OF DELIVERY

Time of delivery is a part of the consideration and must be stated in definite terms and adhered to. Failure to comply can result in a termination for failure to perform in a satisfactory manner.

2. PAYMENT

Invoices are payable monthly unless otherwise agreed upon by department. Invoices must reflect both purchase order number and applicable proposal number to initiate payment.

3. INVOICING

Invoices shall include the scope of services, retail cost of the item, the cost percentage discount, the cost in dollars, extended cost in dollars and brief descriptions of the products. Invoicing is to be sectioned off with subtotals and a title description per workstation. Freight, if applicable, is to be separated by line item separately.

4. RETURNED MERCHANDISE

In quoting, the Vendor agrees to give full credit on returned merchandise resulting from this Agreement, with exception of custom orders.

5. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The County for its convenience may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice. Upon such termination, payment will be made to the Vendor for services rendered and expenses reasonably incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of termination notice Vendor shall promptly discontinue services unless the notice directs otherwise. Vendor shall deliver promptly to County and transfer title (if necessary) all completed work, and work in progress, including drafts, documents, plans, forms, data, products, graphics, computer programs and reports.

6. VOLUME PURCHASE DISCOUNTS

The County may, from time to time, have the need for a large individual spot purchase, warranting special pricing. Separate quotes with vendors shall be permitted in these cases.

7. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT

This is not an exclusive Agreement. The County reserves the right to enter into an Agreement with other vendors for the same or similar services. The County does not guarantee or represent that the Vendors will be permitted to perform any minimum amount of work, or receive compensation other than on a per order basis, under the terms of this Agreement.

8. AMERICAN-RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDING (ARRA)

Use of ARRA Funds and Requirements

This Contract may be funded in whole or in part with funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), signed into law on February 17, 2009. Section 1605 of ARRA prohibits the use of recovery funds for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a public building or public work (both as defined in 2 CFR 176.140) unless all of the iron, steel and manufactured goods (as defined in 2 CFR 176.140) used in the project are produced in the United States. A waiver is available under three limited circumstances: (i) Iron, steel or relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonable quantities and of a satisfactory quality; (ii) Inclusion of iron, steel or manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent; or (iii) Applying the domestic preference would

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be inconsistent with the public interest. This is referred to as the "Buy American" requirement. Request for a waiver must be made to the County for an appropriate determination.

Section 1606 of ARRA requires that laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to ARRA shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 31). This is referred to as the "wage rate" requirement.

The above described provisions constitute notice under ARRA of the Buy American and wage rate requirements. Contractor must contact the County contact if it has any questions regarding the applicability or implementation of the ARRA Buy American and wage rate requirements. Contractor will also be required to provide detailed information regarding compliance with the Buy American requirements, expenditure of funds and wages paid to employees so that the County may fulfill any reporting requirements it has under ARRA. The information may be required as frequently as monthly or quarterly. Contractor agrees to fully cooperate in providing information or documents as requested by the County pursuant to this provision. Failure to do so will be deemed a default and may result in the withholding of payments and termination of this Contract.

Contractor may also be required to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database at http://www.ccr.gov and may be required to have its subcontractors also register in the same database. Contractor must contact the County with any questions regarding registration requirements.

Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards

In addition to the requirements described in "Use of ARRA Funds and Requirements," proper accounting and reporting of ARRA expenditures in single audits is required. Contractor agrees to separately identify the expenditures for each grant award funded under ARRA on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC) required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations." This identification on the SEFA and SF-SAC shall include the Federal award number, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number, and amount such that separate accountability and disclosure is provided for ARRA funds by Federal award number consistent with the recipient reports required by ARRA Section 1512 (c).

In addition, Contractor agrees to separately identify to each subcontractor and document at the time of sub-contract and at the time of disbursement of funds, the Federal award number, any special CFDA number assigned for ARRA purposes, and amount of ARRA funds.

Contractor may be required to provide detailed information regarding expenditures so that the County may fulfill any reporting requirements under ARRA described in this section. The information may be required as frequently as monthly or quarterly. Contractor agrees to fully cooperate in providing information or documents as requested by the County pursuant to this provision. Failure to do so will be deemed a default and may result in the withholding of payments and termination of this Contract.

Whistleblower Protection

Contractor agrees that both it and its subcontractors shall comply with Section 1553 of the ARRA, which prohibits all non-Federal contractors, including the State, and all contractors of the State, from discharging, demoting or otherwise discriminating against an employee for disclosures by the employee that the employee reasonably believes are evidence of: (1) gross mismanagement of a contract relating to ARRA funds; (2) a gross waste of ARRA funds; (3) a substantial and specific danger to public health

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or safety related to the implementation or use of ARRA funds; (4) an abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of recovery funds; or (5) a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to an agency contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) awarded or issued relating to ARRA funds.

9. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Indemnification – The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this contract from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnitees. The Contractor's indemnification obligation applies to the County's "active" as well as "passive" negligence but does not apply to the County's "sole negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code Section 2782.

Additional Insured – All policies, except for the Workers' Compensation, Errors and Omissions and Professional Liability policies, shall contain endorsements naming the County and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of services hereunder. The additional insured endorsements shall not limit the scope of coverage for the County to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the County to the full extent provided by the policy. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured (Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 2010.11 85.

Waiver of Subrogation Rights – The Contractor shall require the carriers of required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors and subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Contractor and Contractor's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.

Policies Primary and Non-Contributory – All policies required herein are to be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the County.

Severability of Interests – The Contractor agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Contractor and the County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

Proof of Coverage – The Contractor shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the County Department administering the contract evidencing the insurance coverage, including endorsements, as required, prior to the commencement of performance of services hereunder, which certificates shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without thirty (30) days written notice to the Department, and Contractor shall maintain such insurance from the time Contractor commences performance of services hereunder until the completion of such services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of this contract, the Contractor shall furnish a copy of the Declaration page for all applicable policies and will provide complete certified copies of the policies and endorsements immediately upon request.

Acceptability of Insurance Carrier — Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum "Best" Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII".

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention – Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management.

Failure to Procure Coverage – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this contract does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, the County has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel the contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the County will be promptly reimbursed by the Contractor or County payments to the Contractor will be reduced to pay for County purchased insurance.

Insurance Review – Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County. The Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced, or is not needed to protect the interests of the County. In addition, if the Department of Risk Management determines that heretofore unreasonably priced or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to change the above insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims against the County, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the County's risk.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this contract. Contractor agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of the County to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of the County.

The Contractor agrees to provide insurance set forth in accordance with the requirements herein. If the Contractor uses existing coverage to comply with these requirements and that coverage does not meet the specified requirements, the Contractor agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the existing coverage to do so. The type(s) of insurance required is determined by the scope of the contract services.

Without in anyway affecting the indemnity herein provided and in addition thereto, the Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the contract term the following types of insurance with limits as shown:

Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability – A program of Workers' Compensation insurance or a state-approved, self-insurance program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with \$250,000 limits covering all persons including volunteers providing services on behalf of the Contractor and all risks to such persons under this contract.

If Contractor has no employees, it may certify or warrant to the County that it does not currently have any employees or individuals who are defined as "employees" under the Labor Code and the

requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage will be waived by the County's Director of Risk Management.

With respect to Contractors that are non-profit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.

Commercial/General Liability Insurance – The Contractor shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor providing coverage for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence. The policy coverage shall include:

- a. Premises operations and mobile equipment.
- b. Products and completed operations.
- c. Broad form property damage (including completed operations).
- d. Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
- e. Personal injury.
- f. Contractual liability.
- g. \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit.

Automobile Liability Insurance – Primary insurance coverage shall be written on ISO Business Auto coverage form for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles or symbol 1 (any auto). The policy shall have a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence.

If the Contractor is transporting one or more non-employee passengers in performance of contract services, the automobile liability policy shall have a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.

If the Contractor owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

Umbrella Liability Insurance – An umbrella (over primary) or excess policy may be used to comply with limits or other primary coverage requirements. When used, the umbrella policy shall apply to bodily injury/property damage, personal injury/advertising injury and shall include a "dropdown" provision providing primary coverage for any liability not covered by the primary policy. The coverage shall also apply to automobile liability.

10. RIGHT TO MONITOR AND AUDIT

The County shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, and other pertinent items as requested, and shall have absolute right to monitor the performance of Vendor in the delivery of services provided under this Agreement. Vendor shall give full cooperation, in any auditing or monitoring conducted. Vendor shall cooperate with the County in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this agreement and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the County.

Availability of Records

All records pertaining to services delivered and all fiscal, statistical and management books and records shall be available for examination and audit by County representatives for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement or until all pending County, State and Federal audits are completed, whichever is later.

11. DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

The County reserves the right to request the information described herein from the vendor selected for contract award. Failure to provide the information may result in a disqualification from the selection process and no award of contract to the vendor. The County also reserves the right to obtain the requested information by way of a background check performed by an investigative firm. The selected vendor also may be requested to provide information to clarify initial responses. Negative information provided or discovered may result in disqualification from the selection process and no award of contract.

The selected vendor may be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees (as that term is defined herein), within the last ten years, has been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the firm's business, or whether the firm, or any of it partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, has within the last ten years, been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud. If the response is affirmative, the vendor will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

In addition, the selected vendor may also be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last ten years, has been the subject of legal proceedings as defined herein arising directly from the provision of services by the firm or those individuals. "Legal proceedings" means any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with jurisdiction over the firm or the individuals. If the response is affirmative, the vendor will be asked to describe any such legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

For purposes of this provision "key employees" includes any individuals providing direct service to the County. "Key employees" do not include clerical personnel providing service at the firm's offices or locations.

12. REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY

In the performance of the Agreement, Vendor, its agents and employees, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the County.

13. VENDOR PRIMARY CONTACT

The Vendor will designate an individual to serve as the primary point of contact for the Agreement. Vendor or designee must respond to County inquiries within two (2) business days. Vendor shall not change the primary contact without written acknowledgement to the County.

14. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Vendor shall notify the County in writing, of any change in mailing address within ten (10) business days of he change.

15. SUBCONTRACTING

Vendor agrees not to enter into any subcontracting agreements for work contemplated under the Agreement without first obtaining written approval from the County. Any subcontracting shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as Vendor. Vendor shall be fully responsible for the performance and payments of any subcontractor's agreement.

16. AGREEMENT ASSIGNABILITY

Without the prior written consent of the County, the agreement is not assignable by Vendor either in whole or in part.

17. AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

Vendor agrees any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of the provisions of the Agreement, shall be valid only when reduced to writing, executed and attached to the original Agreement and approved by the required persons.

18. ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

If any legal action is instituted to enforce any party's rights hereunder, each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees, regardless of who is the prevailing party. This paragraph shall not apply to those costs and attorney fees directly arising from a third-party legal action against a party hereto and payable under Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.

19. VENUE

The venue of any action or claim brought by any party to this Agreement will be the Central District Court of San Bernardino County. Each party hereby waives any law or rule of the court, which would allow them to request or demand a change of venue. If any action or claim concerning this Agreement is brought by any third-party and filed in another venue, the parties hereto agree to use their best efforts to obtain a change of venue to San Bernardino County.

20. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Vendor shall ensure that it has all necessary licenses and permits required by the laws of Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. The Vendor shall maintain these licenses and permits in effect for the duration of this Agreement. Vendor will notify County immediately of loss or suspension of any such licenses and permits. Failure to maintain a required license or permit may result in immediate termination of this Agreement.

21. PREVAILING WAGE LAWS

By its execution of this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq. As well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain "public works" and "maintenance" projects. If the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Vendor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. Vendor shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at the Vendor's principal place of business and at the project site. Vendor will also adhere to any other applicable requirements, including but not limited to, those regarding the employment of apprentices, travel and subsistence pay, retention and inspection of payroll records, workers compensation and forfeiture of penalties prescribed in the Labor Code for violations. Vendor shall defend, indemnify and hold the County, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claims, liabilities, costs, penalties or interest arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with Prevailing Wage Laws.

22. ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER PROGRAM

Vendor shall accept all payments from County via electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly deposited into the Vendor's designated checking or other bank account. Vendor shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by County required to process EFT payments.

23. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with County Policy 11-10, the County prefers to acquire and use products with higher levels of post-consumer recycled content. Environmentally preferable goods and materials must perform satisfactorily and be available at a reasonable price. Although the County has not committed to allowing a cost preference, if two products are equivalent and the cost is feasible the environmentally preferable product would be selected. The intent is to utilize vendors that reduce environmental impacts in their production and distribution systems whenever fiscally practicable.

To assist the County in meeting the reporting requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB939), vendor must be able to annually report the County's environmentally preferable purchases using Exhibit I. Service providers are also asked to report on environmentally preferable goods and materials used in the provision of their service to the County.

D. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

Background

Quality control investigative services for County projects and typical geotechnical services for road paving projects requested under this RFP for projects such as:

- 1. Pavement reconstruction
- 2. Maintenance resurfacing
- 3. Pave dirt road
- 4. Geology investigation for road stability
- 5. Ground penetrating radar surveys with reports for depth analysis of existing sub-grade layers, pavement layers, and utilities.
- 6. The following is a list of tests that may be requested. Unit prices should be included in the consultants cost proposal.

Test #	Title of Test Method	CT #
1.	Sieve Analysis – Fine Aggregates	202
2.	Sieve Analysis - Coarse Aggregates	202
3.	Mechanical Analysis (Hydrometer)	203
4.	Atterberg Limits (Plasticity Index of Soils)	204
5.	Specific Gravity of Coarse Aggregate	206
6.	Specific Gravity of Fine Aggregate	207
7.	Sand Equivalent	217
8.	R value	301
9.	Preparation of Bituminous Mixture for Testing	304
10.	Bulk Specific Gravity And Density Of Bituminous Mixtures	308
11.	Theoretical Mass Density of Asphalt	309
12.	Stabilometer Value	366

13.	Extraction Test (Asphalt)	382
14.	Gradation (Asphalt)	202
15.	Hydrogen-ion Concentration (pH)	643
16	Relative Compaction	216

All tests shall be done in accordance with Caltrans test procedures in a Caltrans certified laboratory.

- 9. Obtaining core data and soil samples:
 - e. All coring shall be within the traveled ways of the road unless the project requires cores on the paved shoulders. All soil samples shall consist of only native material and not include base. If base is discovered then the thickness of the base shall be measured and reported with the coring and soil report. Coring the asphalt concrete and soil sampling shall be taken at a rate of one core/sample every 500 LF for roads that are 3000 LF or less. And every 1000 LF for roads that are more than 3000 LF (unless if the soil characteristics are inconsistent, then one core/sample shall be taken every 500 LF). Soil samples shall be obtained from the core location underneath the pavement unless the subject project scope is road widening construction that is located outside the edge of pavement. Core thickness and all individual AC inner layers shall be measured and reported in tenths of a foot. Photos of each individual core with an adjacent graduated measuring device shall be taken and submitted to the County, via digital JPEG format. The photos shall be identified by their corresponding station number and submitted to the County with the coring and soils report.
 - f. Run Sieve Analysis and Sand Equivalent on all soil samples. The County will receive the SA & SE results and then the County will choose which samples will require an R-Value test.
 - g. Provide a spreadsheet showing the coring and soil results for all sampled stations plus pavement recommendations for the project as well (See attachment K).
 - h. All coring, sampling, soils testing, reports, traffic control, labor, Underground Service Alert and all other work that may be deemed necessary shall be considered in a unit cost per core location. All travel charges that incur shall be a separate unit cost on a per mile basis.
- 10. Acting under specific authorization of the Department of Public Works, the CONSULTANT will search and secure specialized Geotechnical expertise for projects unique and not within the specific expertise of the CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT will act on behalf of the County in conferring, evaluating, participating, interpreting, reporting and making recommendations to the County.
- 11. All required reports shall be provided by California licensed Geotechnical/Civil registered engineer

E. STATUS OF PARTIES

- 1. The parties hereby expressly understand and agree that this Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create a relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association between Vendor and County but is rather an Agreement by and between independent contractors.
- 2. The parties hereby expressly understand and agree that their employees, agents, and independent contractors are not the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose, including, but not limited to, compensation for services, employee welfare and pension benefits, other fringe benefits of employment, or workers' compensation insurance.

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F. MODIFICATION

No modification, amendment, supplement to, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless made in writing and duly signed by all parties.

G. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Agreement are specifically made severable. If any clause, provision, right and/or remedy provided herein are unenforceable or inoperative, the remainder of this Agreement shall be enforced as if such clause, provision, right and/or remedy were not contained herein.

H. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event the County determines that service is unsatisfactory, or in the event of any other dispute, claim, question or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement or breach thereof, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties.

I. NOTICES

All written notices provided for in this Agreement or which either party desires to give to the other shall be deemed fully given, when made in writing and personally delivered to the other party or deposited in the United States mail, certified with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, and addressed to the other party as follows:

County of San Bernardino Department Address Vendor Address

J. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the final, complete and exclusive Agreement between the parties hereto. Any prior Agreement promises, negotiations or representations relating to the subject matter of this Agreement not expressly set forth herein are of no force or effect. This Agreement is executed without reliance upon any promise, warranty or representation by any party or any representative of any party other than those expressly contained herein. Each party has carefully read this Agreement and signs the same of its own free will.

Any and all terms and conditions contained in the Agreement shall supersede any conflicting terms and conditions contained in any documents, Purchase Orders, Bills of Lading or similar documents.

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO					
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Josie Gonzales, Chairman, Board o	of Supervisors				
Dated:					
SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A		(Prii	nt or type name of person signing contract)		
DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVER		Title(Print or Type)			
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Approved as to Legal Form	Reviewed by Cont	ract Compliance	Presented to BOS for Signature		
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County Counsel			Department Head		
Date	Date		Date		

ATTACHMENT K

AC CORING AND SOIL SAMPLING LOCATIONS

Pr	Project:			Yard: Date:				
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	Average Core Thickness:				?			